Labour Relations Committee in Air India

271. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Labour Relations Committee constituted by Air India is functioning in accordance with Air Corporations Act;

(b) when was the last election held and whether it is as per the provisions of the Act;

(c) when is the next election proposed to be held; and

(d) what exependiture was incurred on the Committee during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) The 15th Labour Relations Committee of Air India was constituted on 25th February, 1985. This Committee was to be re-constituted after a period of two years. At the time of reconstitution of this Committee in 1987, a Writ Petition was filed by some of the employees of Air India in the Bombay High Court, regarding exclusion of locally recruited staff at foreign stations and some executives from the electoral rolls. Therefore, the election which was due to be held on 12th August, 1987 to reconstitute the LRC could not be held. The matter is subjudice.

(d) The expenditure incurred towards holding the Labour Relations Committee Meeting at Bombay and other Indain out-stations including expenditure incurred on accommodation, DA and TA, Transportation and other incidental expenditure for the Meeting is given below:—

1987-88	..	Rs. 1,800,15.16
1988-89	..	Rs. 1,68,932.71
1989-90	..	Rs. 1,97,283.32

Payment of Compensation by Indian Airlines to next of kin of Bangalore crash victims

272. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers killed in the Air crash of Indian Airlines Flight No. IC-605 at Bangalore on the 14th February, 1990.

(b) what is the total compensation paid to the next of kin of the deceased passengers by the Indian Airlines;

(c) whether Indian Airlines has offered any employment to the next of kin/dependent of the crash victims; and

(d) whether any dispute for compensation are pennding; and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) The number of passenger killed in the air crash was 88.

(b) what is the total compensation 63 have been settled and a sum of Rs. 306.68 lakhs paid by Indian Airlines to the next of kin of the deceased passengers.

(c) Yes, Sir, Indian Airlines has offered appointment to 5 kins/dependents of the crash victims.

(d) No, Sir.

Non-supply of teachng material to students of XIIth class of National open School, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi

273. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students of XIIth Class of National Open School functioning at 39, Community Centre, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi-52

have not yet been supplied with any teaching material nor are they aware of their courses as also books, despite the fact that, this institution has charged Rs. 500 for 5 subjects from each student;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only a few classes for these students are held just two or three months before the examination and teaching material is also supplied at that time; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation to enable the open school students to prepare for XIIth Class Examination to be held in May, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) No Sir. Teaching material to the respective study centres is supplied in a phased manner. In the current session the first lot of material was sent in September 1990, the second lot in October/November 1990 and the third and the last is in the process of despatch.

It is also not correct that every student pays Rs. 500. SC, ST, Exservicemen and handicapped candidates are fully exempt from tuition fee. Female students appearing for the secondary course are also fully exempt from payment of tuition fee. Female students appearing for the senior secondary course pay only half the tuition fee. The total percentage of students exempted from tuition fee is about 57 per cent.

(b) No, Sir. About 20—25 Personal Contact Classes for the students are held to assist them in their studies and to provide facilities for practicals. These classes, generally held on Sundays, are spread all over the session.

(c) In view of replies to parts (a) and (b) of the question, the matter of taking remedial steps does not arise.

Submission of Report by the High Power Committee

274. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 351 givn in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the High Power Committee constituted to look into the grievances of(service doctors including non implementation of the 1987 package has, submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken for implementing various assurances given in the 1987 package deal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference of the High Power Committee, however, did not refer to 1987 package.

(b) A statement giving the details of the recommendations made by the Committee is attached. (See below)

(c) All provisions of the package of benefits, announced in July, 1987, have been implemented but orders were not issued in respect of (1) promotion of certain Senior Medical Officers with 12 years of regular service in Group 'A' including 2 years as Senior Medical Officers to the post of Chief Medical Officer, (2) treatment of Non-practising Allowance as part of pay for allotment of general pool accommodation, (3) provision of Super-time Grade posts for General Duty Sub-cadre and (4) enhancement of age of retirement. While action on above items was in progress, the Joint Action Council of Service Doctor Organisations submitted a charter of demands in Apil, 1989. As a result of discussions with JACSDO, a Memorandum of Settlement was signed with them on 21-8-1989 in full and final settlement of all the pending demands of the doctors. It has been decided that the Non-Prac-